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Amendments to the Claims

The present listing of claims replaces all previous versions of the claims.

Listing of Claims

Please cancel claims 1 – 18.

19. (currently amended) A soap holding device, comprising:

a flexible bag for holding soap therein, said bag having an opening therein, and a plurality of apertures therethrough, said opening of said bag has an outer perimeter, said bag having a reinforced portion around said outer perimeter of said opening of said bag;

a flexible outer sponge having an opening therein, said bag being inserted into said opening of said outer sponge such that said outer sponge generally envelops said bag, said flexible outer sponge having a convex interior wall for accommodating at least one bar of soap;

a closure means operationally coupled to said reinforced portion for selectively maintaining said opening in a closed position inhibiting access to an interior of said bag;

a paddle member having a head portion and a handle portion, said head portion being selectively positionable in said bag, said handle portion being adapted for being grasped by a hand of a user;

said bag having a second compartment, said secondary compartment having an opening therein, said head portion of said paddle being inserted into said second compartment through said opening of said secondary compartment;

wherein said handle portion further comprises a ~~first segment~~stem portion coupled to said head portion and a ~~second segment~~handle removably coupled to said ~~first segment~~stem portion;

wherein said ~~second segment~~handle is substantially hollow for selectively receiving a user accessory;

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wherein said ~~second-segment~~handle is transparent for facilitating visual observation of the user accessory received in said ~~second-segment~~handle;
said ~~first-segment~~stem portion having a first set of threads applied thereon;
said ~~second-segment~~handle having a second set of threads complementary to said first set of threads applied thereon, said first set of threads and said second set of threads facilitating coupling of said ~~first-segment~~stem portion of said handle portion to said ~~second-segment~~handle of said handle portion;
an o-ring member positionable between said ~~first-segment~~stem portion and said ~~second-segment~~handle;
wherein said head portion having a plurality of holes therethrough, said holes of said head portion of said paddle being generally tear-shaped;
a lanyard loop operationally coupled to said handle portion; and
a strap member couplable to said lanyard loop for selectively securing said device to a wrist of a user.

20. (original) The soap holding device of claim 19 further comprising:

said bag has a first opening for selectively receiving at least one bar of soap and a second opening for receiving said paddle member, said first opening of said bag has a first outer perimeter and a first reinforced portion around said first outer perimeter of said first opening of said bag, said second opening of said bag has a second perimeter and a second reinforced portion around said second outer perimeter of said second opening of said bag; and

said head portion having at least one flexible tab member for selectively engaging a bottom surface of said second reinforced portion for securing said head portion to said bag.